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Chester Main Street before Fire of 1912 (see inside cover for details)

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FOREWORD

These facts and data have been obtained from search of old records and books, and by interview of many of the oldest people living in Chester. It is an attempt to outline the history of Chester in word and picture as factually as possible for the first 100 years—March 1858 to June 1958. Many thanks to all for their cooperation.

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Data on Old Main Street Buildings

Photo bottom of front page: Old Main Street which faced railroad track to south. Nearest building at right—Furniture and undertaking, Clint Essington; 2nd, barber shop and billiard parlor, M. C. McDowell and Lornie Phifer; 3rd, General merchandise, W. H. Barnes; 4th, Jay Roberts, clothing; and upstairs was old opera house and dance hall; 5th and 6th, both used as restaurants, one by Art Jones & Smith, Wilbur Wells at one time ran old Bateman bldg. as restaurant; 7th, Meat market was run by Ed Hoopman, now of Cresco; 8th, Hotel by C. G. Lake, Mrs. Ruth Stintz's father; 9th was a bank first and later The Sun-Herald published by C. J. Zook.

Man at right with moustache—John Hammond, implement and produce dealer, still living; and next John Jones, who worked in the tow mill. The horse in center of picture belonged to John Lonnigan.

History of Chester, Iowa 1858-1958

Chester originally started in March 1858 two miles west of town where the present cemetery is now. There was only a government mail post and a house, also a small school.

Artemus Eaton was the postmaster. The post office was in his house. This home was also a sort of hotel where people stopped for meals or to stay overnight on their way to McGregor, Iowa, for supplies, lumber, etc. Mr. Eaton also had groceries such as tea, sugar, beans and cheese.

RAILROAD

When talk that the C. M. & St. P. railroad was to come through this section, a man named A. D. Combs who owned land around south and east of Chester, said he would give the land to the railroad if they would come thru here and Chester would be moved to the present site. He gave land for the railroad, yards, and depot. In 1867 Chester was moved to the present site.

The first depot agent of Chester was W. E. Hasken. He also built the first house in the present town of Chester. This is where Lloyd Ekanger now lives.

The first depot burned down in 1887, but was soon rebuilt again. Some of our early depot agents were: W. E. Hasken, John Platt, Barlow, Barker and Dan Jorgenson. Frank Swartz was the first telegraph operator.

The railroad came in 1867 and built the yards in the same year. Some of the yards stood where the lumber yard does now, altho the railroad company never owned that land. Some of the livestock buyers in years past have been, Roper, Carter, Courtney, Baldwin, Halver, and at present W. J. (Bill) Armstrong.

CHESTER VILLAGE

The plat of Chester village was filed in the year 1873.

The village of Chester was built on the street facing the railroad and depot. It was all on one side of the road. There was a bank, hotel, butcher shop, funeral home, second hand furniture store, barber shop, pool hall, grocery store, clothing store, and restaurant. After the big fire in 1912 there were only two buildings left standing—the Lake Hotel, which is now McGrane's Produce building, and a bank which was torn down in later years.

In 1911, across the corner from where Armstrong's office now is, Clint Essington owned and operated a furniture store and undertaking establishment. He was the first undertaker in Chester.

Bill Barnes owned the general store, cafe, pool hall and barber shop.

A lodge hall, the upper floor of which was used for dances, stood east of Lake's Hotel. Jay Roberts and Guy Cagle had a furniture store on the ground floor.

The young village of Chester also had a weekly newspaper called the "Chester Herald". It was started about 1897 or 1898 and published by Fred Davis. It was located for about two years in the mill house. Davis sold



Looking eastward at old Main Street before Fire of 1912. Sun-Herald building at left.



Livery Barn, Bank and Hotel Bldgs. left standing after 1912 fire.



Scene after fire of 1912, which destroyed 6 or 7 business buildings, all of which faced the railroad tracks. Building at right is where Thompson Cafe is now.

the Herald to Sterling in early 1904, it would appear.

Chester Herald copies as far back as Dec. 9, 1904 show G. A. Sterling & Co. publishers. On June 9, 1905, sale of the Chester Herald to Clint Essington of Chester and Clarence J. Zook of the Lime Springs Sun was announced, after which it was consolidated with the Lime Springs Sun, and the name changed soon afterwards to "The Sun-Herald." That same year, the Sun-Herald evidently was moved by Mr. Zook, from Lime Springs to Chester, being published in Chester until late in 1908.

POPULATION

In 1905 the village had a population of 287; in 1910, population 266; in 1915, population 290; At the present time, 1958, the population is 318.

CHESTER BUSINESS PLACES

Since the big fire of Chester in 1912 there have been many changes. Many people have helped to rebuild the town, and many business places have changed hands.

Here are some of the changes:

Marshall and Murray built the present hardware store in 1898.

The general store was owned and operated by Fred Lawson. It stood on the corner where the Thompson cafe is now, and faced east. This store was bought by Dr. John Lyon and turned into a drug store.

A drug store was built and owned by Ernest Eckstien. This stood east of Freddie Baldwin's store.

As Chester began to build after

the fire, the town got a barber shop, produce house, doctor's office, post office, a telephone office that stood on the east side of the street across from Stevensen's warehouse.

Will Cray, Walter and George Smith built the west end cafe and drug store. Art Jones and Will Cray built the tavern and bank.

Mr. Robert Stintzi had a harness shop over the hardware store, and he also repaired shoes.

Lonnie Eaton owned and operated a shoe repair shop east of the Community hall.

At one time Bremmer owned a shoe repair shop here in Chester. This stood across the street from Baldwin's store.

John Hammond and Will Breedlove owned a produce and also sold machinery. Their business place stood by Bill Armstrong's office.

Some of These People at one time Owned or Managed Places in Town:

Roy and Manny Jones—Hardware Store; Capper and Thomas—Baldwin's Store; Armstrong Meat Market—West-End Cafe; Grover and William Hamann, Meat market—McGrane's Produce; Moe and Ness—Jack Sprat Store; Bob and Ruth Stintzi—Jack Sprat Store; Ham Breedlove, general store—Post Office; Jay Fairchild and Archie Winslow, garage—Community Hall; Nels Christensen, Filling Station; J. Roper, cattle buyer; Jim McDowell, barber; McWilliams jewelry store—Bank; Palmer Variety Store—Community Hall; Jack and Laura Johnson—McWilliams Drug.

BIGGEST DISASTER

The biggest disaster of Chester happened in 1912. A local farmers' convention had met in an upstairs hall and the men had already gone home when fire broke out in the hall which was in the middle of the block. It had soon spread into 6 or 7 buildings which were burned down before the fire was brought under control. Since they were all frame buildings the loss didn't run so high. The damage was estimated at \$50,000 or more.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity was installed in Chester in 1915. Most homes and business places had lights. When 11:00 o'clock came the light company would shut off the lights and everything was in darkness.

The pavement came thru Chester in 1930 and the old highway was changed to run through town and is now our Main Street.

STREETS

At one time Chester had all of its streets named. River Street was the street running past the Telephone office.

Railroad Street, the road past the elevator, was the main street when the town faced the railroad.

Minnesota Street was the street past the Lutheran church. Arlington Heights was what is now Main Street. Buttermilk Ave. runs from the present school to the pavement.

Haskin Street went from the depot south.



Bill Barnes' general merchandise store on old south main street. Note cuspidors, coffee grinder, gas lamps, old stove, long stockings, button shoes, etc.



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Early photo showing depot and two elevators, first Moen Elevator and at far left the Hunting Elevator.

CHESTER RAILROAD

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad came in 1867. On these trains came refrigerated cars, box cars, flat cars, passenger cars and etc.

The passenger trains quit running in the month of December 1952. With the stopping of the passenger train, the steam locomotive went too. The diesels started coming through sometime in January 1953.

Haskins was the first depot agent, then John Platt, Barlow, Barker and Dan C. Jorgenson. Mr. Jorgenson, the present depot agent, has now been employed 45 years with the Milwaukee Road.

MILLINERY SHOP

There were three millinery shops in Chester. Emma Thomas and Mattie Thomas had their shop on the south side in 1902. Mrs. Mabel Wells and Edna Breedlove had their shop in the rear of Babcock and Nichols general store. The third shop was across from Baldwin's store. Helen Babcock owned and operated it.

LIVERY BARN

Barrett and Williams owned the Livery Barn that stood where part of the lumber yard now stands. This faced west. Then they built a new barn, where Armstrong's garage now stands, by the side of the mill. At one time Charley Thomas owned it with Albert Barrett.

TELEPHONE COMPANY

The first telephone company in Chester came in 1893. The company that installed it was called the Standard Telephone Company. They had four lines leading out of town. They led to Saratoga, Lime Springs, LeRoy, and Spring Valley. The homes didn't then have telephones, so any one wanting to call had to go to the telephone office, which was upstairs in and old building across from Stevensen's warehouse. It now is the Elise Mose house. In 1917 the businessmen and anyone else wanting were given the chance to buy shares. The company re-organized and was named the Chester Telephone Exchange.

The first secretary and treasurer of the new telephone company were John Leslie and Floyd Wells.

The operators from 1917 to 1958 are as follows:

Guy Dawes	1917 - 1926
W. H. Barnes	1926 - 1934
L. P. Thomas	1932 - 1934
Earle Blade	1934 - 1937
L. P. Thomas	1937 - 1941
Elwin Knapp	1941 - 1944
L. W. Nath	1944 - 1945
Stanley Bateman	1945 - 1948
Joe Lomica	1948 - 1948
Jerry Meier — August 17, 1948 —	1958. He still holds the position.

POST OFFICE

The first post office that served this area was out on the Harry Ness place across the Minnesota-Iowa line. Freddie Baldwin's grandmother was the first post-mistress. Town was called Eddyville. Mail came by Pony Express from Cresco.

There have been four different locations in Chester where the post office has stood. The first village post office that was apart from any other building was built where the Meier Tavern is now. Then one stood on the east side of the street across from Baldwin's store and one was behind the Baldwin store. This building is now used as a home. The fourth is where the present post office is now.

Postmasters of the present village were: A. C. Blair, Bradley Chapin, Fred Brown, Ham Breedlove, Freddie Baldwin, Charles Murphy.

The present postmaster of Chester is Don Rollins.

FIRST MOVIES HERE

The first moving picture show in Chester was operated by Blair & Son, in the old opera house over the E. Jay Roberts clothing store. It was lighted by gas and turned with a crank. Announcement was made before starting the show, describing the movie plot.

Open Air Movies

Freddie Baldwin says he thinks the open air theatre was originated in Chester. G. W. Dawes, who ran the Telephone office, operated the first open air movie here.



Brothers, Bill (left) and Grover Hamann in butcher shop when they operated in what is present McGrane Produce building. Dance bill on wall advertised dance to Fiske's Harp Orchestra. Photo taken about 1918-19.



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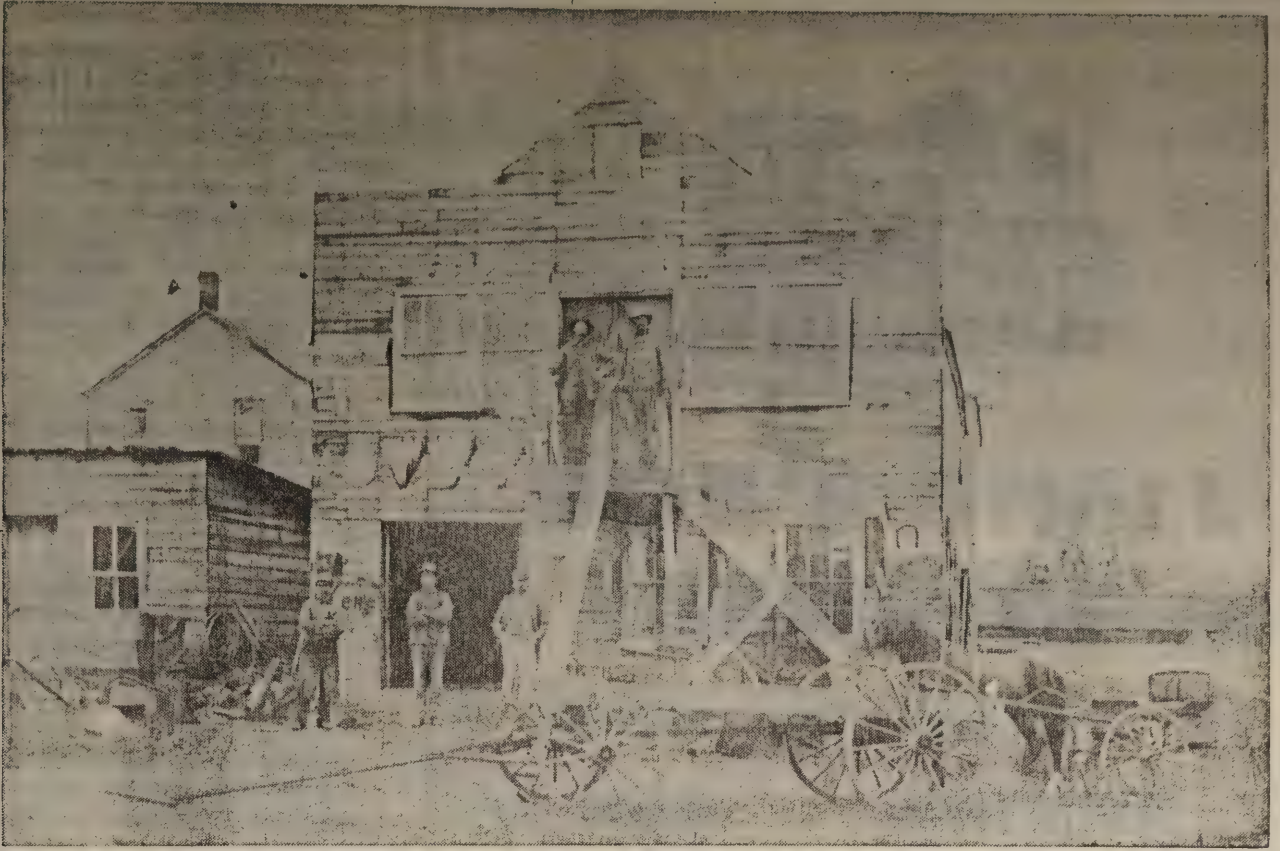
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John Kelly owned and operated this blacksmith shop, while his brother Tom had a work shop upstairs.

BLACKSMITH SHOP

There were at one time three Blacksmith shops in the town of Chester. One shop stood where Art Steubs'

feed warehouse and office is now, and a man named John Kelly owned it. Later Whiteside owned it. Then Tom Edwards bought it.

The second shop was across from

the depot facing the north. Jim McCray owned and operated it. Also Dave Nichols had a blacksmith shop where the Bob Maurer oil station is now.

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CHESTER CEMETERY

First "Chester" was out on what is now known as "Chester Hill Cemetery". The first cemetery was near the Eddyville Post Office. This was moved to the present location when Artemus Eaton gave the first two acres for the cemetery. The first person buried there was Mr. Eaton, 1862.

The Chester Cemetery Association was organized on July 2, 1897. The first constitution was written by Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Tom Turner and Jennie Hall, in 1897. The price per lot then was \$5.00, half a lot \$3.00.

The first officers were: President—Mrs. Courtney, Vice-Pres.—Mrs. H. A. Murray, Secretary—Alta Barrett, and Treasurer—Mrs. Ed Bamer.

It was known by the name of "Chester Hill Cemetery", and it was incorporated under that name in 1946. The first officers then were: President—A. T. Eggerichs, Herbert Hamann, Ruth Ladwig, Edna Fitzgerald, and C. E. Winslow.

Slate of Present Chester Businessmen, in the year they came:

Henry Stevensen Hardware Store—1925.

Robert Maurer, Shell Filling station—1938.

Freddie Baldwin, grocery store—1936.

Darrel Crouse, Conoco Filling station—1954.

Dcnald Rollins, postmaster—1954.

Wayne Shankland, Jack Sprat store—July, 1952.

Ed Meier, Meier Tavern—March, 1947.

Thompson Cafe—1926, 4 years; 1943, 7 years; December 1957-.....

Win Cray, Real Estate and Insurance—1948.

Richard Cray, Real Estate and Insurance, Inc.—1957.

Virgil McGrane, Drug Store, — June 1952.

Jerry Meier, portable mill—1954.

Feed Store—1956.

Marian's Tavern—March 1947.

McGrane's Produce—Sept. 1931.

Arthur Steubs, Chester Feed Mill—Sept. 1945.

Wesley C. Viktora and Bernell L. Wittrock, Chester Oil Co.—Oct. 1949.

Dale Eggerichs, manager of Farmers Co-Op. Elevator—1952.

Harry Wray, Creamery—May 1955.

Scheevel Electrical Supplies (Floyd Scheevel), repair service—June 1953.

William J. Armstrong, cattle buyer—1933.

Alice's Beauty Shoppe (Alice Harnack Hovden)—March 1958.

Earle Blade, carpenter.

Knute Wilson, plasterer.

Carl Wolf, carpenter.

Lars Anderson, seed corn dealer, also Chester's mayor.

Chester at one time had national fame as being one of the greatest hay markets in the United States. Thousands of cars of baled hay were shipped annually from here.



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MILL OF CHESTER

The first mill of Chester was built about 1886 by two men, Bidwell and Harding, but was run by C. D. Meredith. It was called "The Flour Mill."

It stood behind the house where Dick Cray now lives. There was a dam and mill pond from where the mill received its power. It was run by a water wheel. Ice was cut from the mill pond in the winter months for the town use in summer, and stored in the ice house somewhere along the old hotel street.

The mill was used mostly for grinding flour, corn meal and buckwheat. The mill burned down and was replaced in later years by Cornelius Oswald, who bought the old city hall that stood in the middle of town, at the end of the street. When the pavement came thru this building was moved to where it now stands.

Other men who ran the mill were Albert Leslie, Willard Wolf and Art Steubs.

The house where Dick Cray lives was called the "mill house," and consisted of two rooms. In one of the rooms the Chester weekly paper was printed.

(We understand some of the beaux and belles of that day used it for dancing to the stirring strains of a mouth organ.)



Old photo showing part of Chester mill pond with old mill at right above. Team of horses in center.

Chester's mill pond extended from the home of Dick Cray, along the river road, covering an area of about 12 acres. It was fine for summer fishing and boating, and for ice cutting and skating in the winter.

Hemminway and J. C. Webster owned a tow mill east of town, built on what was later known as the Phifer land. This burned down.

INTERESTING FACTS

At the time of this writing, the oldest person living in Chester who was born here in town is Mrs. Ruth Lake Stintzi, and the youngest person living here is her little grandson, Robert Wayne Shankland, who is four weeks old.

The Chester community was visited by the "Angel of Death" 13 times in 1952. Both old and young were called.



The old City Hall at right center in top picture, later moved and seen below as it is now in use as the Chester Feed Mill.



Top: Mrs. Ruth Lake Stintzi, oldest living native born resident of Chester.

Below: Her grandson, Robert Wayne Shankland, newest resident (1958), son of Wayne Shanklands.

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While all our efforts to contribute something worthwhile to the building of a better Chester were not successful, we stood ready and willing at all times to place civic interests ahead of our own.

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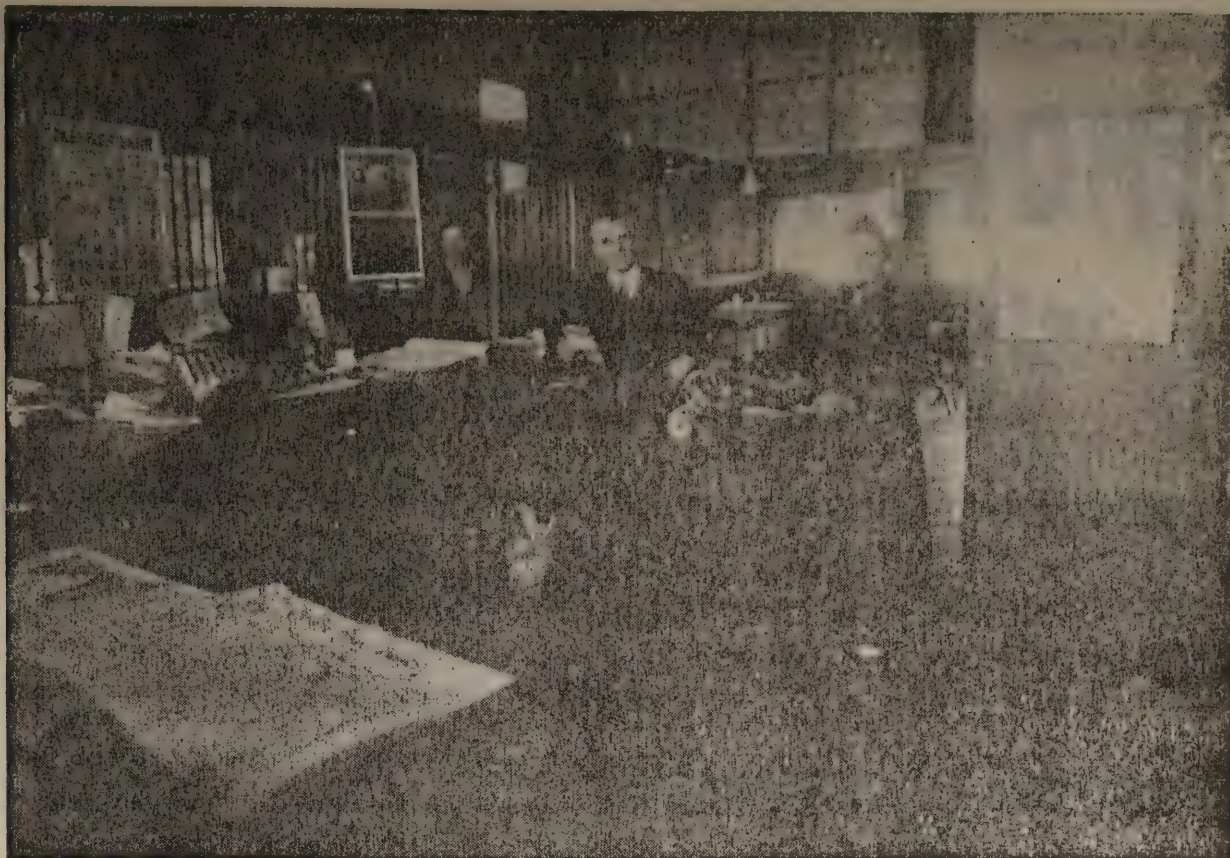
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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cray seen in 1918 in the Farmers Bank, organized in 1913, with Mr. Cray as president.

BANKS

The first bank of Chester was built on the west side of what is now McGrane's Produce, in 1896. It was called the German Savings Bank and was owned by L. I. Zaun. There was a lodge hall above it. The bank was then moved to where the post office now stands. We are not sure of the date of the opening of the first bank.

In 1904, E. D. McWilliams entered the German Savings Bank as assistant cashier; in 1907 he was promoted to cashier. In 1918 the name of the bank was changed to Chester Savings Bank. It was moved to the corner (where Dr. Lyon's drug store was before). McWilliams tore down the corner building and built a brick bank building (now used as a cafe).

The Farmers Bank of Chester, Iowa was organized in Nov. 1913. The first officers were W. W. Cray, president; W. G. Marshall, vice-pres., and J. B. Cray, cashier. In later years Winfield Cray was associated with his father, as cashier, until the bank was liquidated in 1933.

The bank building was constructed in 1913 and is a one-story brick structure now the real estate business office of Win Cray.

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

In December of 1930, there was an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Farmers bank of Chester. The combination of the vault was burned off with an acetylene torch, but the burglars were unable to open the vault door. The damage was discovered by W. W. Cray when he opened the bank for business Friday morning. Experts were called from Des Moines to open the vault door which had been badly damaged.



Looking at Bank building, hardware and mercantile store. These two latter buildings were built in 1898. Note the old car and board walk.



The McWilliams Bank on corner, built about 1918.

CONGRATULATIONS

To The Town of Chester On Its Centennial

We take pride in our record of banking service to the Chester and Lime Springs communities and offer hearty congratulations to the Town of Chester on the celebration of its Centennial.

The Exchange State Bank of Lime Springs was organized as a private bank in the year 1882 by F. M. Clark.

After his death, it was organized as a state bank in 1908 and the name changed to Exchange State Bank. The bank has been under the management of the Cray family since that time.

The present officers of the Exchange State Bank are: J. B. Cray, President; Abner Buresh, Vice-President; L. W. Johnson, Cashier; L. A. Johnson, Asst. Cashier; and Mrs. Barbara Marshall, Bookkeeper.

The directors are: J. B. Cray, Abner Buresh, L. W. Johnson, L. A. Johnson, W. K. Cray.

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Exchange State Bank of Lime Springs



First Creamery in Chester, built in 1885-1888, Ed Capper being the first buttermaker, and R. Spencer the second. It was Farmers Coop. owned.

CREAMERY

There were two creameries built in Chester during the 100 years. The first one was built sometime between 1885 to 1888, and was called the "Farmers Co-Op. Creamery." There is some disagreement in dates from early sources, so we can not give exact date, but Ed Capper was buttermaker in the first one for 13 years and R. Spencer was second man (his assistant).

That creamery, which was a wooden structure, burned down about 1908. It was replaced by a brick building. This building was remodeled and one room added on in 1945 by Frank Shipton, and is now the present Chester creamery.

The buttermakers have been: Ed Capper, Ed Hoopman, Charles Plummer, Glen Simes, Frank Shipton, Gus Berkes, Harry Wray.

Some of the creamery secretaries were: Lory Avery, Everett LaSalle, Magnus Leslie, Geo. Leslie, Louis Eggerich, John Hughes.

Chappin owned the mercantile business and Ed Capper and Brown bought him out. in 1898. Their building was a wooden frame building and burned down in 1898. They built it up again the same year. Monson became Mr. Capper's partner sometime later and then in 1911 Charley Thomas became his partner. The Capper and Thomas partnership lasted many years and was very well known.



Second Creamery building, replacing building which burned in 1908, on same site, built soon after the first burned.

CITY WATERWORKS

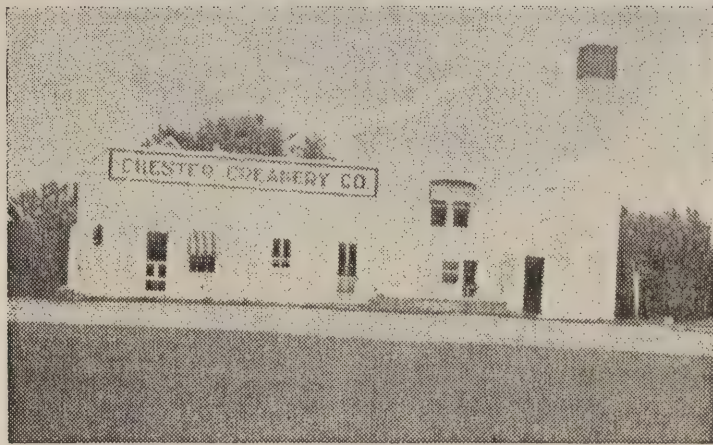
In 1901 the city water works were put in. Robert Larson and Jude Baldwin drilled the city well.

Most of the town wells were drilled by horse-power and the work was done by Freddie Baldwin's father and brothers.

INTERESTING ITEMS

Meighan Brothers and Ed Hoopman owned and operated a slaughter house that stood near the tow mill.

C. G. Lake was the first game warden in Chester, serving from 1888 until his death.



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ELEVATOR

Two elevators were built in the town of Chester. The first was built by Hunting. Horace Nichols managed this until he was injured in a fire which burned his face while he was putting it out. No damage was done to the building. George Owens was the next manager of this Hunting elevator.

A. C. Moen then built a second elevator and competed with Hunting until he bought Hunting out. The elevators were then managed by Tom Ammunson and then Eugene Highum.

In 1933 Earl Fergusson purchased the elevators and in 1934 one of the elevators burned down. Win Cray purchased the elevator in July 1938.

It was sold to Highum in 1953. Highum sold to the Farmers Co-Op. Feed Co., of Lime Springs in 1955.

Dale Eggerichs is now manager of the Farmers Co-Op. Elevator.



Present Farmers Co-op. Elevator

TORNADOES HIT CHESTER

On the afternoon of Nov. 14, 1928, a tornado went through Chester. Some damage was done and Rev. Alls-house was slightly injured by falling bricks.

Much damage was done west and north of Chester by the tornado which struck the afternoon of Mother's day, May 10, 1953. Some of the worst damage to our community was felt by the following families: Robert Mylis, Ed Holms, Cecil Fitzgeralds, Peters Bros., the Fred Cleveland, Frank Pishneys, Harold Ulloms, Loren Forresters, then it struck the Hall school, Minn. Dist. 143, and traveled on toward the north-east, still being very destructive.



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HOTEL

The first boarding and rooming house in Chester, after the village was moved, was run by Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lake, in the house where Mrs. Ada Ness now lives. Later on Lakes built the second hotel and that is where the McGrane Produce is now.

A. D. Combs built the first big hotel in about 1868. It was later bought by Jay Roberts. Aaron Cagle and Will Hall were both managers.

OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC

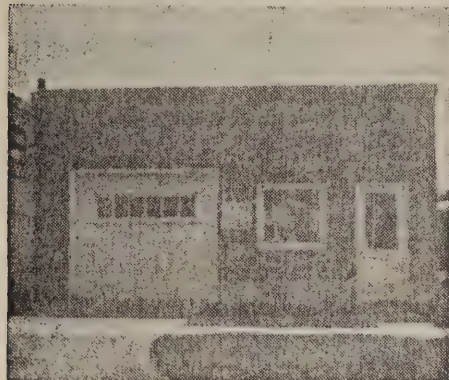
The first Old Settlers' picnic was held in the year 1880 in Howe's grove near LeRoy. The secretary was W. D. Stewart. This picnic was alternated between Jerred's grove at Chester and the Howe grove for years.

Since then Chester and LeRoy have been celebrating the Old Settlers' picnic, each taking their turns every other year. It was decided Chester should have the even numbered years and LeRoy the odd numbered years. It is now held in the villages themselves.

FIRE STATION

Some of the fire fighting hose and equipment were kept in the city hall and some in the lumber yard. The one-time town pump was located back of the lumber yard and is still in the lumber yard building today.

The present fire station of Chester was built in 1934 and the first fire truck was purchased in 1952. In 1956 a new truck was purchased.



Town Hall and Fire Department built 1934 west of lumber yard.

DOCTORS

The first doctor Chester had was Dr. Frank Freemire. He came to Chester in 1884 and he practiced here the rest of his life. He died June 1904. His son, Dr. Frank Freemire, Jr., was Chester's dentist until his death.

Dr. Freemire, Dr. Lyons and Dr. Warren were at one time all working in this community at the same time.

Dr. L. W. Clark came to Chester in September 1913, and he and his wife also operated the Drug store. They moved to Spring Valley, Minn., in 1936.

In 1880 there were only 18 houses in Chester.

John Middlebrook owned most of the east part of Chester, and A. D. Combs the south part of town.



The Cheney house and family. Now the residence of Mrs. George Ness, former Ada Cheney.



Old Hotel built about 1868 by A. D. Combs. Later was bought by E. Jay Roberts, seen at right. Hotel is still standing.



Interior of Pool Hall (1911) on south side. Left to right: Lonnie Phifer, barber; Matt Diederich, in chair; Fred Lawson, Jim McDowell Sr., and Charles Tibbals.

Disasters of Chester and Community

William Leslie was drowned in the Chester millpond on Sunday, May 10, 1893.

Dr. Frank Freemire, Sr., met his death accidentally on June 8, 1904, and he was buried on Old Settlers' Day.

Mrs. Robert Hall, known to many as "Aunt Mary" was struck by the Milwaukee passenger one evening during the summer of 1924. She was returning home from visiting her friend, Mrs. Robert Stintzi. Many of her bones were broken and she was badly lacerated. Her recovery was miraculous.

Julius Moe was killed while crossing the street in front of the present Conoco Station, June 1936. It was raining and he was protecting himself with an umbrella so failed to see the car. The driver's vision was also impaired by the rain.

In the winter of 1936 Fred Lawson was found frozen to death under the bay window of the house known as the Bill Barnes house.

In 1937, Matt Diederich, while substituting for Mr. Jake Derr, in picking up the mail from the train to deliver to the post office, slipped and fell under the train and had his foot severed.

In 1940 Freeman Armstrong, who operated a general store where the Jack Sprat store now is, and previous to that had a meat market where the tavern operated by M. Grande now is, died as the result of burns when his clothing caught on fire.

Neill (Gotch) Diederich died of a heart attack while working in the ditch while helping to lay the water main in front of the Floyd Jones home. This happened in the summer of 1941.

Mr. Reuben Boe, owner and operator of the State Line Inn, met his death accidentally in the spring of 1943.

Dr. Frank Freemire, who was the dentist at Chester, met his death when he fell down the steps of his office with a lighted cigarette. He was found in the morning of Dec. 24, 1944, tightly wedged between the bottom step and the door. The cigarette was still burning and his clothing was partly burned.

Charlotte Voves and Raphael Leichtman started for a dance at Riceville Christmas night, Dec. 25, 1948 and were found dead in the car from monoxide gas poisoning the following morning.

Clement Carolan died as the result of a gun shot. His body was found in the basement of their restaurant. He died in 1949.

Tony. Leichtman, Sr., lost his way while returning home from Chester during a blizzard. His body was found in the cut-away made by the pavement grade near his home. His death came Feb. 20, 1953.

On Aug. 15, 1952 Billy Armstrong and Lee Hagemeier were returning from Decorah, delivering a new car to Chester. It was a dark rainy day and a gravel truck pulled out of a side road and struck them. Lee died as a result of his injuries.

Mrs. Hattie Stevens suffered a fatal heart attack June 2, 1953, as she and her sister, Mrs. Dale Davies were

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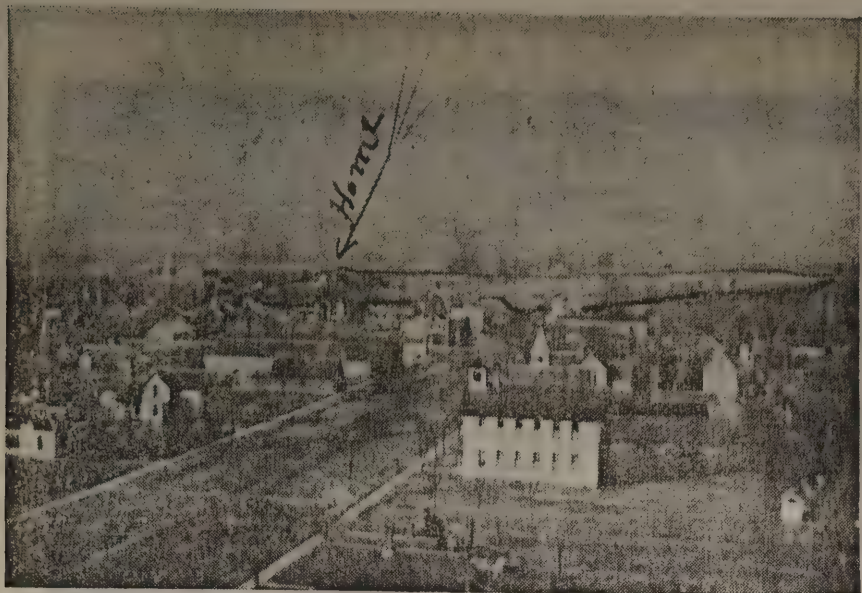
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Old Schoolhouse, and just beyond it the Methodist Church. Old Livery Barn seen and to east of Lumber Yard is former Nichols blacksmith shop.



Looking eastward down main street before the paving came thru Chester in 1930. Board walk can be seen at left, and buggy. First lumber yard office can be seen at right where Conoco Station now stands.



Livery Barn, built about 1909 by Barnes & Williams. It was destroyed by fire.

enroute to Clear Lake.

Elwin Knapp, employed by Interstate Power Co., was killed instantly Nov. 15, 1954, when a pole on which he was working fell as he was helping repair the highline at the end of the road west of the elevators. The pole had been broken by a truck.

Richard Boehm, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boehm was fatally injured in a car accident south of Chester, Oct. 29, 1957.

LUMBER YARD

In 1890 a hardware store and lumber yard was started by T. C. Bratrud. The lumber yard office stood where the Conoco station now stands. The yard extended to Wm. J. Armstrong's present office. In 1903 Edmund Dugstad became a partner of Bratrud. They were together until in 1910, when Dugstad became sole owner. In 1920 Burgess and Sons purchased the yards, and the first manager for the Chester yards for Burgess and Sons was Forrest Stintzi. He managed the yard 23 years. Since 1941 they have been served by five managers, namely: Harvey Moldt, John Burgess, Don Drilling, Forrest Stintzi and David Fye.

The operations of the Chester lumber yards were suspended Feb. 15, 1957.

Nearly Destroyed by Fire

In 1899 a fire threatened Chester. It was very dry that year, and as the train went through town a few sparks fell on dry grass. The lumber yard was set afire. Mr. Pat Kelly helped to fight this fire. He said he couldn't remember what was going on, but nearly all the men were out of town. When word got to Lime Springs, many of them boarded the train, to get to Chester, to help. About half-way between towns an argument broke out with the conductor because the men did not have tickets. Numbers must have prevailed, because the men were brought to Chester, where they fought the fire with a bucket brigade, water from the pump in the lumber yard, the only water supply. The lumber yard was nearly destroyed, but the flames did not spread any farther—and the men rode the train back to Lime Springs.

COMMUNITY HALL

The building that is now the Community hall was first built for a general store by Babcock and Nichols. Later on it was owned and operated as a garage by Arnold Jensen and Archie Winslow, and later Jay Fairchild entered the partnership. After Mr. Fairchild moved about 1930, it was taken over by a corporation, shares were sold and the building was remodeled. Before the new gymnasium was built at the school, it was used as the school gymnasium.

Plays, operettes, basketball games and dances and community affairs were all held there.

DAN JORGENSEN

Dan Jorgenson came to Chester in 1919 and has been our depot agent for 39 years. He has also served as mayor, town clerk and school secretary of the Chester Ind. School district.



Burgess & Sons Yards in Chester as seen from the air.

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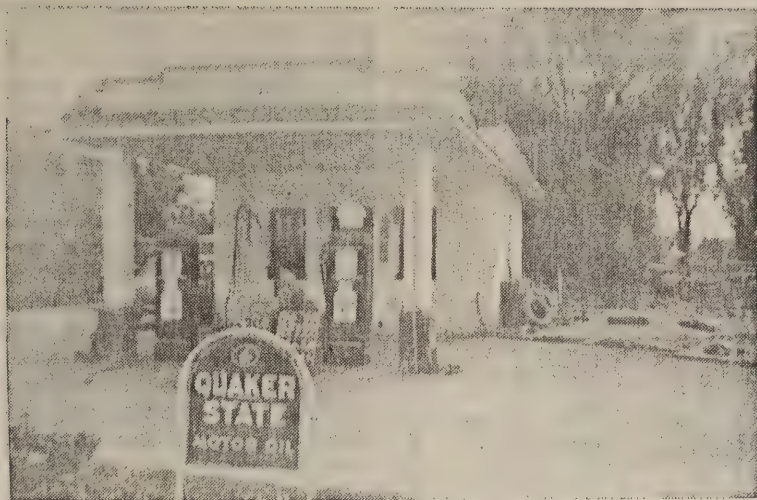
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CHURCHES

The first church services were held in the schoolhouse built out west of Chester, where the village first began.

The Presbyterian church at Chester was started about 1889. In 1909 or 1910 the Methodist and Presbyterian churches combined, and the Catholic congregation bought the Presbyterian church building in 1916.

The Methodist church was organized in March 1858 with seven members. They held services in the school that stood in the park. In 1890 the present Methodist church was built. In 1953 a basement was put under this building. They now have a sixty-family congregation. The present minister is Rev. Herbert C. Schaffer.

The Lutheran church of Chester was organized in 1937. Services were held in the Moe hall and then in the old Nichols house. In 1941 the basement of the church was built, and services were held there until 1953 when the main church was built.

The Lutheran church has now a seventy-nine family congregation. Rev. Elmer Dahle is the present pastor. The Chester Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran merged in the winter of 1955. They now call their church (in Chester) "United Lutheran."

In 1947 the Catholic congregation had out-grown the old building, so they built a new church on the hill in the east part of Chester on the highway.

They now have a ninety family congregation.

Rev. Vern Cross is the present pastor.

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Methodist Church built 1890, modernized in 1953, celebrates its Centennial this year—1958. Was originated in March 1858 on site of old town of Chester.

METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATING CENTENNIAL YEAR

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Chester, Iowa, was organized in the Chester Township in March 1858, with seven members. Rev. Norton of Spring Valley, Minnesota, supplied the pulpit.

The Chester church was incorporated May 14, 1890.

Before the present church was built, the church services were held in the old school, which at that time stood east of the present church site in the present school park.

The lot on which the church now stands was purchased from M. B. Doolittle. Five lots were bought. The church building was erected by Charley Arnold of Spring Valley, Minnesota, at a cost of \$2500.

The Methodist church was dedicated October 5, 1890. The first pulpit Bible was given the church on dedication day; the three pieces of furniture on pulpit were given by girls of that day. The pulpit is still in use.

The kitchen was built onto the church in the fall of 1913.

In 1940 the church celebrated its 50th anniversary of the church building.

A new Bible for use on the pulpit was presented by the Epworth League June 14, 1942.

During 1942-1943, Rev. C. L. Oelfke painted all the scenes for the windows, and a rug was laid on the rostrum and down the aisle.

Ministers of Lime Springs- Chester together:

Waterberry, 1857-58; Wm. Cobb, 1862; J. E. Fitch, 1868; J. R. Cameron, 1869; C. W. Burgess, 1870; C. S. Coats, 1871; C. F. McLean, 1873-74; A. S. Cochran, 1877; S. White, 1878-80-81-82; O. R. Newell, 1882-83; J. M. Beall, 1883-84; W. E. Ross, 1884-85; John H. Koppel, 1885-88; W. R. Dyre, 1888-90; Bourland D. Smith, 1890-92; F. P. Cassidy, 1892-95; H. J. Bowder, 1895-98; F. H. Linn, 1898-1901; Jesse Smith, 1901-02; Jesse R. Caffyn, 1902-05; Edward A. Lang, 1905-08; Hadwen Williams, 1908-10; Thos. Maxwell, 1910-12;

Ministers of Chester Alone:

From Sept. 1912 to Sept. 1942, Chester

Methodist was alone and was served by 9 resident ministers as follows:

C. C. Casper, 1912-14; John C. Olson, 1914-17; Rosscoe Sires, 1917-21; C. S. Burnard, 1921-25; Henry Allshouse, 1925-31; F. H. Schepple, 1931-35; C. W. Harrop, 1935-37; H. H. Fletcher, 1937-41; W. M. Zimmerman, 1941-42;

Again Double Charge

In 1942, Chester and Lime Springs churches were made a double charge, under one minister, and the following ministers who served were:

C. L. Oelfke, 1942-43; Lamont C. Smith, 1943-48; Leroy E. Bauman, 1948-51; A. Harold Sparks, 1951-55; Herbert C. Shaffer, 1955-.....

The Lenten services were started during the pastorate of Rev. L. E. Bauman in 1948. Since then we have had

Lenten service every year.

The church "Lord's Acre" was held in 1952. The proceeds went to remodel the church.

The pledge system was started in 1952.

In 1953, the church basement was excavated, and a new furnace was installed.

These are a few highlights of the Methodist Church. It, also, will celebrate its Centennial this year.

TOWN ADVERTISING

Here is an article advertising our area, taken from an old envelope:

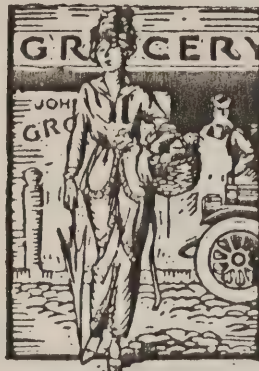
Chester's fine schools and churches are the best in the state for the size of the town, and the business men and the entire community extend to you an invitation to come and make your home in or near Chester where you can drink good water, breathe fresh air, and enjoy the scenic surroundings here.

BAND

At one time Chester had a Town Band which was under the direction of John M. Arsers. It was started in 1893. The last solo Mr. Arsers played in public was played here in Chester with the band. It was "Silver Threads Among the Gold." He passed away in 1947.

FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE

The first schoolhouse in Chester was a small 24' by 50' wooden structure, housing one teacher and 55 pupils.



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St. Stephen's Catholic Church building (built 1947). The parish originated in early 1870's.

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HISTORY

St. Stephen's Catholic church of Chester, originated in the early 1870's with a few families. These were followed by the John and Patrick Kelly families, who were attended spiritually by Father McCartey of Cresco. Due to bad road conditions, St. Stephen's was looked after by the newly organized St. Patrick's of Le Roy, Minn., whose priests came from Adams, Minn. Fr. Hurley, Fr. Bouman, Fr. Coin and Fr. Schmitz were the priests who came across the state line on sick calls. Mass was held once a month at St. Patrick's church.

About the year 1885 the Anthony Granahan family of Chicago, Illinois, came to Chester. Telegraph and mail were the only means of communication then, between Adams and Chester, and trains or work horses and wagons were the only means of travel. There were many inconveniences and difficulties that these early pioneers underwent for this faith.

The first and only confirmation class administered during this time was about the year 1886 or 1887 by Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Minn. Those confirmed were: John and Elizabeth Carey, William and Mary Noonan, Thomas, John, Patrick and Nora Kelly. This group went by train from Chester to Adams the night before, being met by Fr. Schmitz, who had arranged rooms for them in the homes of his parish members.

St. Stephen's continued to thrive and once a month on Sunday morning, 5 wagons drawn by tired work horses wound their way, as in a procession, carrying the Chester Catholic families to St. Patrick's in LeRoy.

In 1890, St. Stephen's was left without a priest for some months.

In June of 1890, a cyclone struck Chester, leaving a path of wrecked homes, general destruction in its wake, and many were the injured Catholics who longed for the comfort of a priest. George Cannon rode a horse to Riceville and brought Fr. J. J. O'Brien back with him, taking 5 hours for the trip each way, struggling through the ruts, mud and slush. Fr. O'Brien continued

ed. He remained until 1928, followed by Fr. Joseph F. Wiehl until 1931, when Chester was made a Mission of Cresco Assumption.

In 1939 Fr. Anthony Chihak became a resident pastor in Chester for nearly two years. Then Fr. Becker was here a few months followed by Fr. Frank Wolfe and on June 17, 1944, Fr. Joseph Vollmecke was sent to Chester.

At this time the church was becoming too small for the rapidly growing congregation. Fr. Vollmecke drew up the blue prints for a new church. The Wapse church at Meyer, Iowa, which had been purchased, was dismantled by the men of the parish and the good lumber re-used for the new church. Fr. Vollmecke worked continuously and untiringly until the dream of a new church had become a reality. On Sept. 30, 1946 ground was broken by Bishop Fitzgerald and the work began. The cornerstone was laid on July 30, 1947. The church was completed in 1948 with a dedication Mass offered by Archbishop Rohlman of Dubuque, on November 9. The 34' by 92' brick structure is located next to the parsonage on Highway 63 as one enters Chester from the east.

Fr. Gregory Hemesath replaced Fr. Vollmecke in Jan. 1949. During his stay, the church grounds were cleared and landscaped, sacristy steps added and basement kitchen cupboards built. In April 1952 new pews with padded kneelers were installed. In May 1953, Fr. Vern Cross, present pastor, came to St. Stephen's church of Chester.



The first Catholic Church in Chester (1916-1947) was located on south side of railroad tracks. Later was converted into house where Postmaster Don Rollins family now lives. It was the original Presbyterian Church in Chester.



United Lutheran Church of Chester, completed in 1953, is merger of the Bethlehem and Chester Churches (1955). Lutheran Church originated in Chester in 1937.

CHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services were first held for the Lutherans in Moe's hall by Rev. Mols-tre. After that they organized and regular services were held each Sunday in the Henry Stevensen home beginning May 9, 1940.

The following officers presided:

President—John Mihm.

Secretary—Knut Wilson.

Treasurer—A. C. Uglum.

Trustees — Lars Anderson, H. C. Stevensen, and Maynard Ladwig.

In 1941 the church basement was built, and services were held there for several years. The present church was built in 1953.

The first regular pastor was Rev. M. T. Johnson of LeRoy, Minn.

The pastors that have served in the church since 1941 are: Rev. Harold J. Larson, Rev. David Bey, Rev. Olaf Lysnes and the present pastor, Rev. Elmer Dahle, who has been here since Sept. 1949.

The Bethlehem church was built in 1894, and in 1955 the Bethlehem church and Chester church merged to form the United Lutheran church.

Since 1944 this congregation has shared its pastor with Saetersdal church. At that time they bought a parsonage which was later sold and is now occupied by Art Steubs. The present parsonage is the former W. W. Cray house.

The membership of the Lutheran church in Chester has grown from 22 to 217 since the church has started.

The following items were written by students of the Chester 7th and 8th grades:

CHESTER SCHOOL HISTORY

The first school in Chester was built in 1895 by Frank Kingsley. It was on the lot east of the Methodist Church.

In the summer of 1918, a vote was taken to decide where a new building should be placed. There were four probable sites for the building.

To get the votes of the taxpayers, a school board member went from house to house with a ballot box. The result of the voting was the choice of the present location. The lot was bought from Mabel Plummer. Fred Moss was secured as architect, and George Spencer was contractor. The approximate cost of the building was \$30,000.

The first eight grades began their studies in the new building in January 1918, before the high school students, for the upstairs was not yet finished.

Basketball began in Chester High School in the fall of 1924. Our first coach was Mr. Walquist, and the first team was Lawrence Thomas, Richard Barnes, Clarkson Binnie, Keith Jones and Carl Moe.

Chester at one time had a trade area of nearly one hundred square miles.

Chester's first mayor was Isaac Courtney.



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The second Chester School was located east of where the Methodist Church now stands, and was built in 1895. Was used until present building built in 1917.

SCHOOL

The first school was built near the present Chester Hill Cemetery. The first teacher who taught there was Sallinda Burknep, in the fall of 1857.

The first school house of the village was in the present park. It was only a small building and had an enrollment of 55 children and one teacher.

The second school house was built right on the same site in 1895. This was bigger and better, as it had two floors.

In 1917 the present school house was built.

Today we have a high school, all grades, one thru eight, a kindergarten, also a band, and a hot lunch program. We have nine teachers, a janitor and two cooks.

In the year 1955, a new gymnasium and two new classrooms were added.

The first to complete the four year high school course from Chester were Harold Hall (in 1920) and Dorothea Thomas (in 1921).

The first class to graduate after the school was accredited in 1922 was comprised of Floy Hall, Bernice Barnes and Lorna Milbrath.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Following is an unofficial list of the graduating classes of Chester High School from 1922-1958:

1922—Floyd Hall, Bernice Barnes, and Lorna Milbrath.

1923—Gladys Soderburg, Edna Jensen, Herman Blatter, Virgil Barrett.

1924—Smith Bush, Marjorie Barnes, Gertrude Kniffen, Lena Siebens, Dorothy Soderberg. Supt.—Emmans.

1925—Rosa Blatter, Donald Dugstad, Freida Hoopman, Wilma Hamann, Vera Jones, Floy Jones, Maizie Leslie, Mildred Plummer, Lawrence Thomas, Una Wagner.

1926—Richard Barnes, Clarkson Binnie, Ruth Derr, Ione Eaton, Dennis Granahan, Eric Hoopman, Etha Hungerford, Emma Hogger, Mary Jensen, Elizabeth Kelly, Ellis Knapp, Valetta Milbrath, Thelma Ness, Dorothy Stevens, Beth Thomas, Elsie Wermuth.

1927—Joy Allshouse, William Jensen, Maynard Ladwig, William Lane, Owen Leslie, M. Esther Moe, Alice Saach, Arnold Hamann.

1928—Margaret Binnie, Rita Derr, Henry Granahan, Glenn Hague, Joseph Huntoon, Rosie Jones, Zilpha Plummer, Viola Souhrada, Margaret Winslow.

1929—John Allshouse, Dick Clark, Percy Jones, Elwin Knapp, Clarence Ladwig, Russell McDowell, Robert McMasters, Floyd Winslow.

1930—Gerald Jones, Margaret Kelly, Charles McNier.

1931—Virginia Anderson, Frederick Baldwin, Edna Eggerichs, Iola Fairchild, Clinton Knapp, Anna McKee, Vera McKee, Robert Maurer, Karl Moe, Harry Ness, Kenneth Ness, Mary Novotny, LuVerne Plummer, Lucille Ruzicka.

1932—Ode Anderson, Thelma Derr, Ralph Jensen, Kathleen Kelley, Laurence Lawson, Elmor Leslie, Max Leslie, Marcella Milbrath, Kenneth Murphy, Barbara Nelms, Marguerite Nelms, Vernon Stintzi, Mildred Winslow.

1933—Lyla A. Christenson, Kenneth H. Derr, Elwood M. Harold, Elmo W. Harold, Chester A. Hughes, Mary E. Huntoon, Lee C. Maurer, Madlyn G. McDowell, Bernice L. Wolthoff, John Zidlicky. Supt.—A. A. Hendrickson.

1934—Robin Larson, Donald Hastings, Alice Scheppele, Evalyn Fairchild, Lois Fergusson, Luella Jones.

1935—Vernon Wolthoff, Evelyn Fergusson, Norma Derr, Emil Souhrada, Edna Capper, Joyce Jones, John Boe, Patricia Kelly, Nola Armstrong, Geraldine Fairchild, Jane McDowell. Supt.—J. L. Davies.



Present Chester School, built in 1917, showing modern buses. (Left to right: Fabian Robinson, Coach Don Rollins, and Supt. Maurice Williams. New gymnasium added since this picture was taken.

1936—Paul Zidlicky, Effie Tibbals, Betty Bright, Rachel Graham, Elsie Blatter, Frances Leslie, Evelyn Graham, Lauretta Ness. Supt.—J. L. Davies.

1937—George Fahler, Orpha Zidlicky.

1938—Robert Derr, Laura Droge-muller, Genevieve Duncomb, May Fairchild, Ralph Fargusson, Virginia Fargusson, Richard Nelms, Marion Nor-gaarden, Linsworth Osland, Bill Ullom.

1939—Goldie Larson, Phyllis Holm, Glenn Fairchild, William Pishney, R. Peters, Supt.—B. L. Eyestone.

1940—Kathleen Armstrong.

1941—Eleanor Stevensen, Marjorie Hall, Harold J. Osland, Gerald Mc-Grane, Margery Stevenson, Winifred Cray, Shirley Holm, Margie Wolden, Roger Isackson, Percy Ullom, Harold Anderlik. Supt.—L. B. Bredeson.

1942—Beth Albert, Gatriel Thomp-son, Anna Osland, Dale Sullivan, Har-old Larson, Bonnie Qualley, William House, Vivian Baldwin, Betty Maurer, Lorraine Larson. Supt.—L. B. Bredeson.

1943—Beth Thompson, Richard Pishney, Leona Herman. Supt.—L. B. Bredeson.

1944—Richard Holm, Lavonne Jones, Russell S. Doughten Jr., Robert Maurer, Marilee Stintzi, Lawrence Truman, Clarice Erbe. Supt.—L. B. Bredeson.

1945—Marian Anderlik, Kay Cray, Carol Doughten, Duane Hageman, Mar-vin Edwards, Lorys Johnson, Donna Jorgenson, George Maurer, Edward Os-land, Gloria Warnke, Norma Orum, Nell Orum, James Pishney, Lorraine Stevensen. Supt.—L. B. Bredeson.

1946—Clarice Tibbals, Milton Tru-

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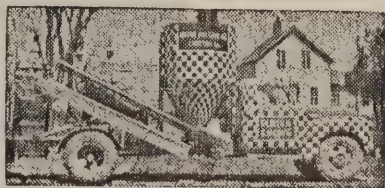
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Jerry Meier, Owner

man, Eldora Johnson, Donna Thompson. Supt.—Maurice J. Williams.

1947—Dean Thompson, Richard Cray, Margaret Stockdale. Supt.—M. J. Williams.

1948—Irene Truman, Earlyn Knutson, Betty Maurer, Richard Wilson, Freddie Baldwin Jr., Curtis Ed. Tibbals. Supt.—M. J. Williams.

1949—Burdell Sullivan, Wayne Wilson, Harlan Hagemeyer, Raymond Morine, Rosemarie Pishney, Charlotte Voves, Madonna Cummings. Supt.—M. J. Williams.

1950—Charles Thompson, Irene Beaston, Marjorie Doughten, Rodney Uglum. Supt.—M. J. Williams.

1951—Irna Jo Leichtnam, Elaine Doughten, Roger C. Wolfe, Roger D. Holm. Supt.—M. J. Williams.

1952—Evelyn Fitzgerald, Harriett L. Willis, Gail Jordan. Supt.—Maurice J. Williams.

1953—Nola Duryee, Darlene Cummings, Cordell Duryee, Eleanor Orum, Ronald Horn, Virgil Tegland, Carole Taylor, Gary Peddle. Supt.—Williams.

1954—Stanley Boehm, Duane Christianson. Supt.—M. J. Williams.

1955—Virginia Meier, Ila Christianson, Robert Anderlik, Craig Kintz, James Mihm, Stanley Larson, Lee Kintz, Dale Orum, Jean Peddle, Duane McMaster, Gerald Truman. Supt.—Chas. W. Farmer.

1956—Rosalle Meier, Elizabeth Wray, Janice Jones, Darryl Jensen, Duane Meier, Wm. Armstrong, Jo Ann Myl, Carol Jones, Darrel Jones, DeLores Schutte, Darlene Ekanger. Supt.—C. W. Farmer.

1957—Eileen Kelly, Marvin Ladwig, Ann Hamann, Glenn Eggerichs, Kermit Boehm, Wanda Skjele. Supt.—Donald E. Breisch.

1958—Sharon Murphy, Mary M. Kelly, Mern Swancutt, Kay Koster, Joe Dickenson, Robert Hagemeyer, Jerome Pishney, Bernice Strike, Rita Horn, Richard Meier. Supt.—Donald E. Breisch.

Walter Jerred, the first white child born in Chester township, was born one and one-half miles west of Chester.

OLDEST RESIDENTS

Some of our oldest people in 1958, all past 80: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly, Solon Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mattie Larson, Laura Kumm Milbrath, Frank Hall, Mae Hague, Nels Christensen, and Rudy Blatter.



Solon Wilmot
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Mrs. Mae Hague



Looking at south side of Main Street before paving went thru in 1930. Nearest building was once used as a school gymnasium for basketball games (1924-....)



The old mill house once housed the Chester newspaper, was the home of mill operator C. D. Meredith, and is now residence of Richard Cray family.



Former R. Spencer home, and now residence of Dallas Reed family.



Bridge on main road from north, up to 1930, looking toward Minnesota.



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